

Arraignments

The first appearance in court is called arraignment. At that time the Court will advise all Defendants of their rights (also see back of the summons). Thereafter, the Defendant will be asked to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to the charge. By pleading "not guilty" you are demanding that the City prove the charge against you at a trial. Trials will normally be set about one month in the future. By pleading "guilty" the Defendant admits guilt, waives the right to trial and the Court will enter a fine amount (plus a mandatory \$15.00 surcharge for each conviction).

Prior to entry of a plea, you may speak to the prosecuting attorney in an attempt to resolve your case without trial. The prosecuting attorney may offer a plea bargain, however, the Defendant is never required to accept a plea bargain. If charged with driving without insurance, please bring written proof of insurance to court.

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